Charles E. Jones

Charles E. Jones’ research centered, as usual, on the development and maintenance of the collections and catalogs of the Research Archives (see separate report), and, in collaboration with John Sanders, on the development of the electronic resources of the Oriental Institute (see separate report). He published two articles in an on-line journal, “Electronic Publication of Ancient Near Eastern Texts,” with David Schloen, Ariadne, No. 22 (December 1999) [http://www.ariadne.ac.uk/issue22/], and “The Web Editor: Abzu and Beyond,” Ariadne, No. 21 (September 1999) [http://www.ariadne.ac.uk/issue21/]. He was appointed as coordinator for text encoding, available web resources, and tool developments relating to the ancient Near East for the same journal. The first of these two articles is a retrospective on seven years of experience in the development of the on-line presence of the Oriental Institute and in particular of the process of building Abzu. The second article is a summary of the conference held at the Oriental Institute in October 1999 for which he was one of the organizing committee and a panelist. Jones also published “Ziššabarna (*Ciçafarnah), not Uššabarna in PFS 36*,” N.A.B.U.: Nouvelles assyriologiques brèves et utiles 1999, Number 3 (September 1999).

Work continues on the seal inscriptions from the seal impression on the Persepolis Fortification Tablets, and on the editing and publication of additional texts from that archive with Matthew W. Stolper.
In May Jones was invited to deliver a paper “Electronic Media and the Ancient Near East: The Experience of the Oriental Institute — Chicago” at the Second International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East [2ICAANE] in Copenhagen.